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RE: Your Freedom of Information Act Request – February 4, 2017 Rally

Dear Mr. Bass:

Enclosed please find a copy of the records you requested. Please be advised that redactions to these records were made pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(19) (the release of records would pose a security risk).

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call this office at (860) 685-8150.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine P. Plourde".

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File No.: 17-108

**State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Division of State Police**



**After-Action Review
CSP Response to Rte. 34 Blockage
New Haven, CT**

February 4, 2017

BACKGROUND

DATE, START AND END TIMES: Saturday, February 4, 2017, at approximately **4:12 pm**, TFC Michael Beaton and Tpr. Shawn Mansfield respond to a call about debris on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. Saturday, February 4, 2017, at approximately **5:40 pm**, Lt. Kenneth Cain determines that the crowd has dispersed and releases all responding Troopers.

LOCATION: Route 34 (Rte. 34) in New Haven, Connecticut is a State-owned and maintained limited access highway that runs primarily east and west, connecting the junction of I-91 North and South and I-95 North and South directly to downtown New Haven and to the Yale New Haven and Saint Raphael's Hospitals. The roadway has six lanes, three eastbound and three westbound, divided by a concrete Jersey-barrier median. The limited access state highway, also known as both "the 34 Connector" and "the Oak Street Connector," is within the jurisdiction of the Connecticut State Police (CSP), Troop G (Bridgeport), and not the New Haven Police Department (NHPD).

WEATHER: Clear and seasonably cold.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PROTESTERS: 100-150 protesters participated; see source, the YouTube video, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCet1k6ueEM&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>.

SEQUENCING OF THE CSP RESPONSE AND INCIDENT COMMAND:

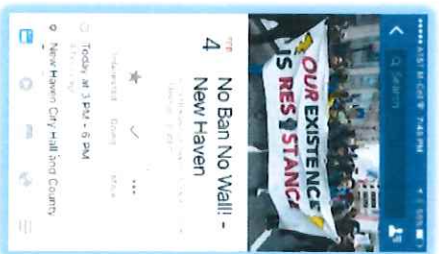
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SEQUENCING OF THE RESPONSE BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

TIMELINE OF EVENTS, February 4, 2017: Resources used to reconstruct the timeline include CAD remarks, CSP radio transmissions, Trooper reports, dispatcher logs, and the YouTube video referenced above.

11:00 am: A Facebook page, “No Ban, No Wall! – New Haven,” is posted at approximately 11:00 a.m., inviting interested individuals to meet at New Haven City Hall later that day at 3 pm. The page is no longer accessible to the public; it appears that it was taken offline or its access limited.



4:12-4:22 pm: A large group has gathered at the steps of New Haven City Hall on Saturday, February 4, 2017. The group is taking turns speaking on the steps voicing their concerns over several political and social issues. **(00:46:40 YouTube Video)** The last protester to speak on the steps of City Hall, John Jairo Lugo, addresses the group, “It is time to march, take the streets and we are not going to ask the government anything.” The group moves into the middle of Church Street, sets off from City Hall on Church Street, and heads south. Several of the marchers are wearing masks or scarfs, covering their faces, while others are wearing a mask or scarf around their neck or chin. The group marches through several streets, blocking local traffic and chanting various slogans, some vulgar in nature, and using profanity. Norman

Clement, one of the protesters, is leading the chants using a wireless microphone amplified over a speaker that another marcher is rolling down the street with the group. Some members of the group are holding long wooden bamboo sticks, about 3' to 6' in length. The group of protesters included several children accompanied by adults also marching in the demonstration. **(00:57:30 YouTube Video)**

As they approach Church Street at its intersection with Rte. 34, a majority of the protestors at the front of the march have covered their faces with masks, bandanas, and scarfs. They are chanting, "Whose Streets? Our Streets!" Approximately 3 or 4 Downtown Ambassadors, who have followed the protesters from City Hall, remain at the rear; they appear to have followed the march from City Hall to the intersection of Church Street and Rte. 34. Downtown Ambassadors wear uniforms that resemble that of the Police Officers, but they have no police powers. A job duty of an ambassador, described by Downtown New Haven¹ as part diplomatic corps, part guide service, is to make notification to police for related matters, although none of them carried a radio. The ambassadors travel with the protesters, walking alongside them on the sidewalks. **(00:58:15 YouTube Video)**

Mr. Clement is holding a wireless microphone and tells the crowd, "Let's line up on this crosswalk. No one, no one gets by...unless it's an ambulance!" They begin chanting until Mr. Clement stops the group and says, "We've got to go cut off that exit down there." He then leads the group from the intersection of Church Street and Rte. 34, east onto Rte. 34, stopping the flow of traffic so the group can form a wall across Rte. 34 just east of the South Orange Street exit. Pedestrians in this position impede the ability of vehicles to exit the limited access highway. NHPD is not on-scene and is not visible on the YouTube video. The Downtown Ambassadors proceed with the protesters onto Rte. 34 and stand off to the side in the grass median.

CSP first learns of the presence of protesters on the Rte. 34 Connector when Troop G dispatched TFC Beauton to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge at 4:12 pm to remove debris from the road. TFC Michael Beauton radios Troop G dispatch at 4:18 pm, stating he removed the debris on the bridge. Tpr. Shawn Mansfield, who is working the patrol adjacent to that of TFC Beauton, joined TFC Beauton in his own cruiser, to assist with the debris removal. At 4:22 pm, TFC Beauton and Tpr. Mansfield complete the debris removal and enter Rte. 34 westbound from I-95.

4:23 pm



¹ See, DowntownNewHaven.com website.

4:23 pm

See Appendix A, Map of the area showing the highway blockage on Rte. 34

4:24 pm

TFC Beauton and Tpr. Mansfield each radio Troop G to advise that Rte. 34 is completely blocked. Their patrol cars are visible with sirens and lights activated as they come upon a number of vehicles, their passage blocked by the crowd. **(01:00:05 YouTube Video)** Due to the highway blockage, both cruisers cannot advance any further than 100 feet from the front line of the protesters. TFC Beauton exits his cruiser along with his assigned K-9, "Nero." TFC Beauton and K-9 Nero have extensive training, which includes using the K-9 for crowd control. TFC Beauton is also a tenured member of the CSP Emergency Services Unit. With his cruiser parked back in the heavy traffic, he would not be able to retrieve his K-9 quickly should the situation warrant. A protester carries a paper-mache likeness of President Trump. Another protester, using a bamboo pole, approximately 3' in length, strikes the figurine and encourages others to take the stick and do the same.

4:24-4:37pm²

The 3 to 4 Downtown Ambassadors are on-scene, in the median. There is no information to indicate that they attempt to inform NHPD of the situation.

TFC Beauton and Tpr. Mansfield direct the protesters to clear the roadway. A woman approaches TFC Beauton. She identifies herself as an attorney and states she is serving as counsel for the group called "No Ban No Wall – New Haven." Later, Troopers learn that her name is Patricia Kane. Ms. Kane is wearing a red scarf around her neck and black coat. TFC Beauton explains to her, in her capacity as counsel, that impeding the flow of traffic and blocking ambulances from reaching the hospitals is a crime (CGS 53a-182(a)(5)) and that the protesters need to move immediately or those who remain could face arrest. He asks Ms. Kane to ask the group to move. Ms. Kane responds that she is not their counsel and retreats to the grassy gore area next to the travel lanes. This area is full of protesters.

01:03:45 YouTube Video: Approximately 3 Downtown Ambassadors survey the closure to Rte. 34, caused by the backed up traffic. They begin to direct vehicles blocked by protestors on the Rte. 34 connector to back up, and use the parking garage median ramp, which is a two-lane exit to a parking garage in the center of the highway. This ramp leads into a parking garage, but also has access to the local roads in the city. Several cars are able to make their way

² The following occurs between 4:24 pm and 4:37 pm, but the exact times cannot be determined, unless denoted with a specific time from a radio transmission.

to this ramp as a work-around to the blockage of Rte. 34. Several more cross the grass median from the parking garage ramp behind the line of protesters. Mr. Clement continues to lead chants using a microphone and public address speaker held by another protester.

01:05:32 YouTube Video: A male protester wearing a black leather jacket, backpack, black hood, glasses, and red bandana covering his face, rallies protesters to reposition themselves from the three lanes of Rte. 34 westbound to shut down the median ramp to the parking garage. Protesters follow his direction and move from the roadway over toward the median ramp and locked arms, closing off the median ramp, the westbound travel lanes of Rte. 34 and the South Orange Street off-ramp.

01:06:34 YouTube Video: Mr. Clement is among the protesters who walk over to the median exit for the parking garage. It appears that the protesters consider blocking the entire roadway including the eastbound travel lanes of Rte.34, but the traffic is moving very quickly and they do not have enough people to accomplish this without risk of injury by on-coming traffic.

4:28 pm

[REDACTED] He also relays that traffic is at a standstill at Rte. 34, stopped vehicles have blocked the South Orange Street off-ramp. Troop G dispatch also contacts New Haven PD via the hotline requesting assistance.

4:29 pm

[REDACTED]

4:31 pm

[REDACTED]

4:32 pm

[REDACTED]

4:34 pm

[REDACTED]

4:35 pm

[REDACTED]

01:07:00 YouTube Video: NHPD begins to arrive; approximately 4 police cruisers park behind the protesters with their overhead emergency lights activated. Approximately 4 to 6 uniformed officers are behind the line of protesters and 2 to 4 are in front of the protesters with the 2 responding Troop G Troopers at the front. Two NHPD officers are consulting with TFC Beauton and he is requesting a bullhorn to address the group.

4:36 pm

Troop G dispatch ensures communications among all responding Troops.

4:37 pm

M/Sgt. Stratton and Lt. Cain advise that they are both enroute. Sgt. Wiener radios Troop G to ensure all responding Troopers activate their mobile video recorders.

4:37- 4:40 pm Trooper Mansfield is approached by a Hispanic male who informs him that a pregnant woman in a 4-door, red sedan is caught in the traffic behind them and that her contractions are two minutes apart and she is in a lot of pain.

01:15:55 YouTube Video: In order to clear a path for the sedan to make its way to the hospital, Troopers seek to open the median ramp to the parking garage in the middle of the road. Four Troopers and 7 NHPD officers direct the protesters to move off the ramp so that vehicle with the woman in active labor can pass. The protesters move from the ramp and the sedan is able to exit the highway; several other cars exit as well. The sedan exiting on the median ramp is visible on the **YouTube video at 1:17:44.**

4:40 pm

WHPD calls Troop G and states that their K-9 officer is on another call and they do not have any other officers to send at that time and will call back if anyone becomes available. Ultimately, WHPD is unable to assist.

4:41 pm

TFC Beauton requests Troop G to call South Central Regional Emergency Communications System (CMED) to ask if there are any ambulances enroute to Yale New Haven Hospital or Saint Raphael's Hospital, and if there are, to tell them to take an alternate route as the Rte. 34 connector is blocked. TFC Beauton also radios Troop G dispatch that protesters have blocked a couple of ambulances and TFC Beauton will try to get them past the blockage. Two ambulances exit the connector immediately after Rte. 34 reopens. (**YouTube video at 1:17:44**)

4:42-4:43 pm

Tpr. Michael Piscitelli and Sgts. Wiener and Norton arrive on-scene.

01:19:30 YouTube Video: Seven Troopers and approximately 12 NHPD officers gather at the median ramp that was cleared two minutes before so that the red sedan could pass, and tell the protesters they will be arrested if they do not clear the highway.

01:20:25 YouTube Video: TFC Beauton continues to give commands to clear Rte. 34 or face arrest. Mr. Clement is one of the last protesters to leave Rte. 34. The chant of "Cops Say Get Back, We Say Fight Back!" continues as they move slowly from Rte. 34. They walk from the north side of Rte. 34 toward the South Orange Street ramp onto North Frontage Road.

4:43 pm CSP Incident Commander Sgt. Mark Wiener relieves TFC Beauton from Incident Command. Troop G advises Sgt. Wiener that the angle at which the DOT camera is set does not capture the area of the incident and updates Lt. Cain and M/Sgt. Stratton on what is happening. Sgt. Wiener radios Troop G that Rte. 34 is open.

4:46 pm TFC Matthew Herz and Tpr. Timothy Rupparr arrive; [REDACTED]

4:48 pm The highway reopens. Troop G informs the Message Center.

4:49-4:55 pm TFC Beauton informs the protesters repeatedly that they will be arrested if they continue to block North Frontage Road. The protesters proceed down North Frontage Road towards State Street. Troopers and NHPD officers follow behind the group as the protesters continue to march down North Frontage Road.

An ambulance with emergency lights activated passes approximately 2 minutes 6 seconds after Rte. 34 reopens. (See Rte. 34 reopening at **1:20:52**, and the ambulance exiting the area at **1:22:58** on the YouTube video.) See also **Appendix C, 1:22:58 YouTube Video**.

The impact of the protestors blocking Rte. 34 continues to impede the flow of traffic. Another blocked ambulance exits the area approximately 5 minutes and 32 seconds after Rte. 34 re-opens. See **Appendix D, 1:26:24 YouTube Video**.

1:24:15 YouTube Video: The protesters cross the parking lot and enter the intersection of South Orange and George Streets. Approximately 10 NHPD cruisers block intersections. The protesters continue to march on South Orange

Street toward Crown Street and up Crown Street back to Church Street. NHPD officers appear to be redirecting the protesters who are marching back to the area of City Hall at Church and Chapel Streets.

4:55 pm

CSP Incident Commander M/Sgt. Kevin Stratton relieves Sgt. Wiener from Incident Commander. [REDACTED] Sgt. Wiener and TFC Beaton brief M/Sgt. Stratton. TFC Beaton informs M/Sgt. Stratton and Sgt. Wiener that he can identify the protester who directed the blockage of the limited access highway on Rte. 34. The M/Sgt. and Sgt. concur that Mr. Clement should be arrested when they encounter him again, for inciting a riot and reckless use of a highway, disorderly conduct, breach of peace, and interfering with an officer.

4:55-5:05 pm

As the protesters march on Church Street, blocking traffic going toward Chapel Street, 6 to 8 clearly marked NHPD cruisers form behind the group and activate their sirens and overhead emergency lights, contrary to representations made later by the City. Approximately 10-15 additional uniformed New Haven police officers walk behind the group. NHPD officers used the PA system in their vehicles to direct the protesters to move from the street onto the sidewalk. NHPD officers are clearing the protesters from the streets as CSP units remain near the Crown and Chapel Street intersection until it clears and protesters no longer attempt to block the road again. When the traffic clears and they can move their cruisers off Rte. 34, the Troopers drive their cruisers to South Orange Street and park there. As they arrive, NHPD officers are physically pushing non-complaint protesters from the middle of the street to the sidewalk. A number of the protesters disregard NHPD officers' directions, and rush back into the street. During this time frame, an unknown protestor is seen by Troopers throwing a wood stick toward a Trooper and his K-9.

1:31:30 YouTube Video: The Troopers meet the protesters at the corner of Church and Chapel Streets and position themselves along with NHPD officers in the middle of the Church and Chapel Streets intersection. NHPD officers arrest one of the protesters, at which time the protesters advance towards the NHPD officers. TFC Beaton protects the group of NHPD officers by positioning his K-9 in front of them and disperses a 20-second burst of OC spray toward the advancing crowd. The crowd backs up. As NHPD officers lift the arrestee and veer toward the Trooper, TFC Beaton's K-9 bites at the pant leg of a NHPD officer immediately in front of him. The K-9 did not bite the officer and the officer was not injured.

1:32:15 YouTube Video: The protesters are shouting in response to NHPD's arrest. Mr. Clement advances into the intersection. Both Troopers and NHPD officers repeatedly direct protesters to move from the street onto the sidewalk. Mr. Clement, responding by means of a microphone, stated, "We're peaceful. You motherfuckers wanna bring it; we'll bring it next time."

1:33:05 YouTube Video: TFC Beauton and TFC Herz position themselves in the Church and Chapel Streets intersection in an effort to prevent protestors from moving from the sidewalk onto the street, and direct the protesters to stay back. They respond, chanting, "Cops and Klan go hand-in-hand."

1:33:10 YouTube Video: TFC Beauton recognizes Mr. Clement. He points at him and tells the Troopers and NHPD officers in the area, "Him, right there. He's a 37 (CSP code for arrestee), the one with the microphone." He turns to Mr. Clement and tells him, "You're under arrest." TFC Beauton and Sgt. Wiener advance toward Mr. Clement. Sgt. Wiener places both of his arms around the upper portion of Mr. Clement's torso. Mr. Clement struggles to free himself in an attempt to evade arrest. TFC Beauton disperses an accidental one-second burst of OC spray toward him, which he appeared to be unaware of until later when he viewed the YouTube video. As TFC Beauton is dispersing the OC spray, he and his K-9 make contact with Sgt. Wiener who is standing immediately in front of the K-9. The K-9 nips at Sgt. Wiener's buttocks. Sgt. Wiener sought medical attention shortly afterward. Mr. Clement breaks free from Sgt. Wiener, turns, and pushes down at least one nearby protester as he begins to run away. Two NHPD officers intercept Mr. Clement approximately 50 feet away and another struggle ensues. Tpr. Mansfield positions his body in the path of K-9 "Nero" and the struggle between the NHPD officers and Mr. Clement, at which time he receives a bite to the lower leg and pant area. Tpr. Mansfield is not injured and declines treatment. TFC Beauton directs Mr. Clement to stop resisting. When Mr. Clement fails to comply, TFC Beauton disperses a one-second spray of OC to Mr. Clement's face, at which point he complies and several NHPD officers place his arms behind his back and handcuff him.

1:34:49 YouTube Video: Attorney Patricia Kane approaches the protesters to inform them, "Norm has been arrested." Ms. Kane tells the protesters that she needs witnesses and states that she will represent him and anyone else arrested. She passes out business cards, and invites the protesters to contact her.

5:05 pm Troop F Troopers arrive on-scene to Church and Chapel Streets.

Sgt. Jeff Couto

Trooper Derek Smitt (K-9)

Trooper Kazimera Morse

TFC Joseph O'Connell

Trooper James Bria



5:05-5:10 pm The protesters began to disperse after NHPD officers marked the area with crime scene tape.

5:10-5:24 pm Troop Commander Lt. Kenneth Cain arrives. [REDACTED] Lt. Cain relieves M/Sgt. Stratton and assumes the duties of Incident Commander. Lt. Cain discusses with NHPD Sgts. Rentkowicz #477 and Helland #468, and NHPD Lt. Sam Brown #301, that the group is dispersing on their own. They agree that once the one individual (Nathaniel Blair) arrested by NHPD is transported for booking; all CSP and NHPD units will clear the scene. They also agree that NHPD will be responsible for the other individual³ they had detained. CSP will arrest Mr. Clement.

5:24-5:40 pm Sgt. Wiener is treated at Yale New Haven Hospital and later, released. Approximately 10-20 protesters remain across the street from where Mr. Clement is arrested. All of the other protesters have cleared the area. Both departments' incident commanders, CSP Lt. Cain and NHPD Lt. Brown, agree all CSP and NHPD units will clear the area as well.

Tpr. Mansfield departs with Mr. Clement in his custody for NHPD Headquarters to process the prisoner at its facility. (CSP occasionally uses the facility to process its arrestees.) Ultimately, due to a large volume of arrestees in New Haven unrelated to the incident, Troopers transport Mr. Clement to Troop G in Bridgeport for processing.

5:40 pm Church and Chapel Streets are clear.

³ NHPD detained this individual briefly and then released. CSP does not know his name.

Findings of Fact:

NHPPD Sgt. Rentkowicz #477 confirmed that no one made application to NHPPD for a permit, and NHPPD granted no permit for a group to assemble in New Haven, on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Per Department of Transportation (DOT) Special Services Manager, Paul Holmes, no one made application to DOT for a permit to assemble on Rte. 34 for February 4, 2017, and the CSP and DOT would not have granted a permit if anyone had submitted an application. State law prohibits assembly on a limited access roadway; see below.

The conduct in which protesters engaged in New Haven on Saturday, February 4, 2017, constituted violations of law:

1. The blocking a limited access roadway, whether a state or interstate road, is a violation of both CGS §53-181, Breach of Peace 2nd degree, a class "B" misdemeanor, and CGS §53a-182, Disorderly Conduct, a class "C" misdemeanor.
2. When a person advocates, urges, or organizes six or more persons to engage in tumultuous and violent conduct of a kind likely to cause public alarm, he or she is guilty of CGS §53a-178, Inciting a Riot, which is a class "A" misdemeanor.

NHPPD arrested Nathaniel Blair on the charge of Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Blair pled not guilty, was released from custody, and is awaiting his next court date. CSP arrested Norman Clement on the charges of Negligent Use of Highway by Pedestrian, Disorderly Conduct, interfering with an Officer, Inciting to Riot, and Breach of Peace. Mr. Clement pled not guilty and was released from custody and is awaiting his next court date.

The YouTube video documents two medical emergencies during the time that protesters blocked Rte. 34 including a woman in active labor who was enroute to the hospital in a red sedan and an ambulance seen with emergency lights activated moving through the traffic on Rt 34, just two minutes after being opened.

A third patient in a second ambulance was documented to have been rerouted to Yale New Haven Hospital; due to the delay and his condition, he underwent a procedure to treat a collapsed lung while enroute.

NHPPD officers were not on-scene to monitor the protesters as they marched through the streets of downtown New Haven.

The two Troopers who came upon these protestors on the Rte. 34 Connector were the *only* police present. They accurately assessed the clear and present danger that the protesters had created for themselves and others. They did not wait for back up. Instead, for these 7-11 minutes, they and subsequently, other responding Troopers, assisted by several ambassadors, attempted to reopen the

limited access road to the motoring public, an effort that also protected the protesters from on-coming traffic. They did so without any use of force.

When NHPD officers arrived on-scene, they remained at the rear and did not join in the management and movement of the protesters. About 8 minutes later when the median garage ramp was re-opening, they actively assisted with crowd control. The CSP reviewed the uses of force in which Troopers were involved; 3 accidental K-9 bites, and 3 uses of OC chemical spray one of which was also accidental.

CSP has specific policy relating to the use of chemical agents; see the CSP Administrative and Operations Manual (A&O) 13.4.14 OC aerosol spray. It is the conclusion of the Uses of Force reviews, CSP personnel complied with department policy.

CSP has specific policy relating to the use of K-9s for crowd control; see the CSP Administrative and Operations Manual (A&O) Chapter 22.3.3 b. (3) Using department canines. It is the conclusion of the Uses of Force reviews, CSP personnel complied with department policy.

Conclusions:

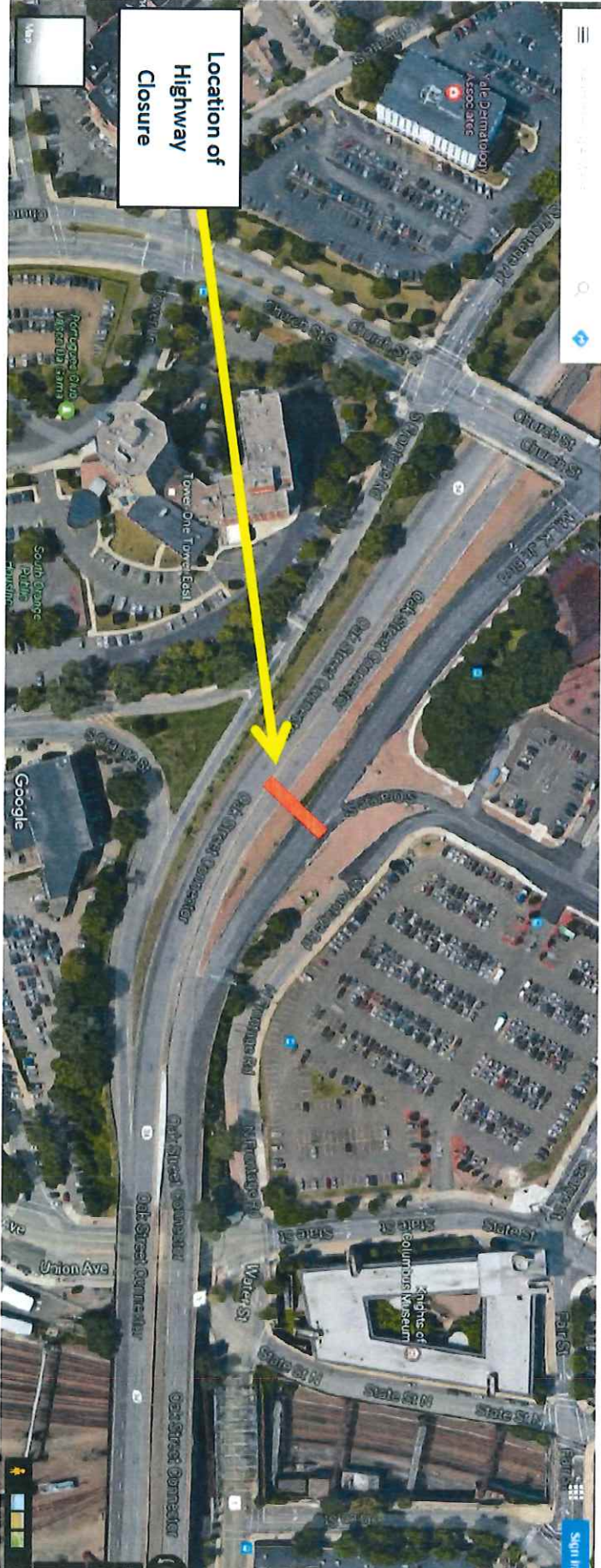
The Connecticut State Police affirms the right of all residents to assemble lawfully and reiterates its responsibility to protect their right to do so. The State Police is also responsible for the safety and wellbeing of persons and property impacted by unlawful assembly.

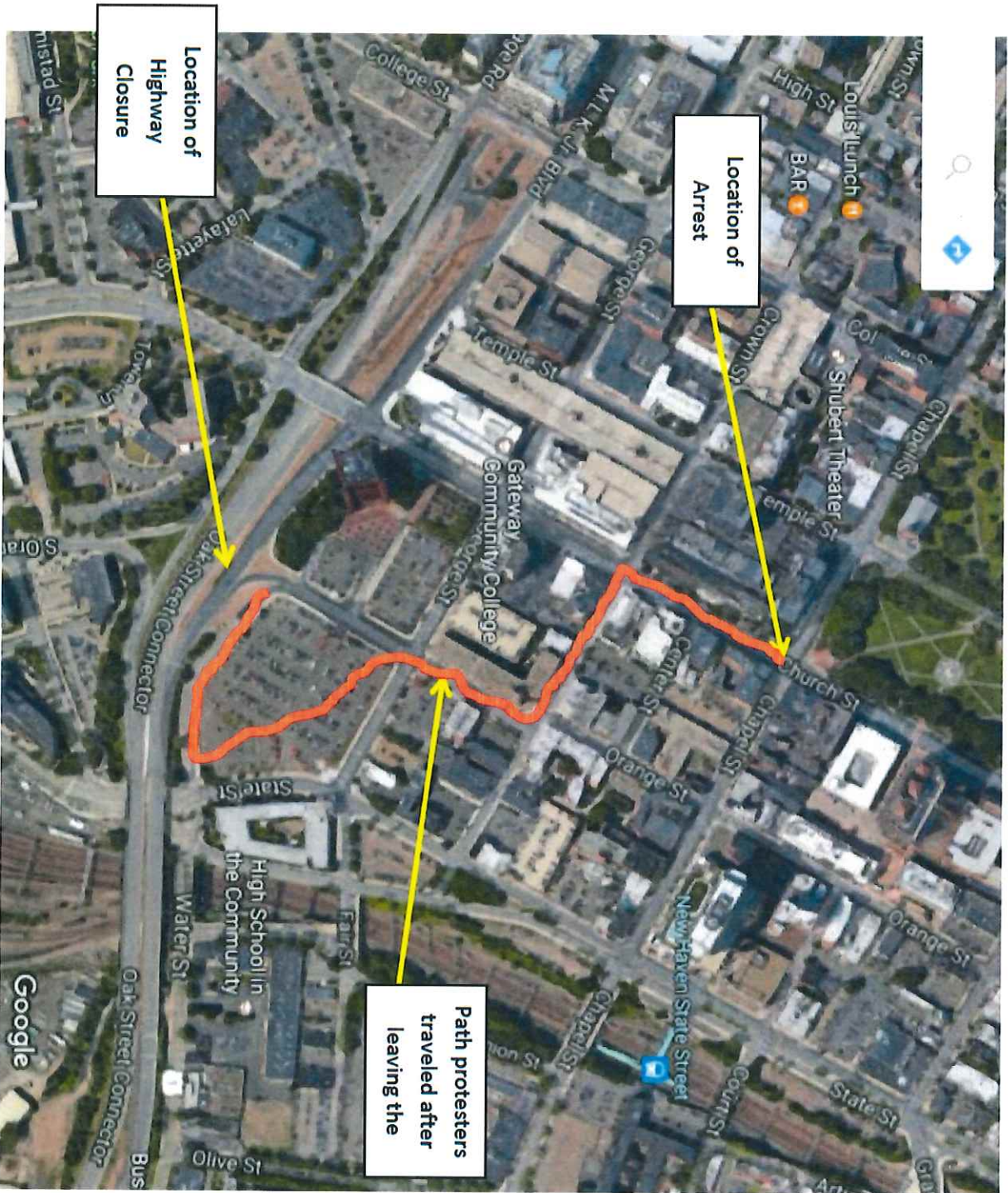
All of the responding Troopers demonstrated a clear understanding of state statutes and current law concerning both traffic and use of force. Their assessment of the time, manner and place of the protest was accurate and their response to the risk that the protesters presented, whether intentional or otherwise, to themselves and others was lawful and appropriate.

Recommendations:

1. Debrief CSP After-Action Review with NHPD: This incident should be the subject of a command level joint debrief. This debrief must include an improved understanding of the mutual aid obligations as they exist between DESPP/CSP, the New Haven Police Department, and other area police departments that may be called to assist in the event of a large scale disturbance.
2. Maximize existing DESPP resources: CTIC, through its Regional Intelligence Liaison Officers (RILOs) and other resources, should monitor social media and other sources on an on-going basis for reports of planned protests and other events that could result in untoward consequences and provide real-time advisories to CSP.
3. Emphasis on De-Escalation Techniques: CSP affirms its commitment to de-escalation whenever it is feasible. The training bulletins that CSP develops will provide opportunity for all personnel to imbed this approach in their assessments of and responses to events of this kind. Canine personnel and their commanders must be cognizant of the positive, and negative, responses to the introduction of canine assets in crowd control events.
4. Unified Command/Roles and Responsibilities of the Incident Commanders: During an active incident, the designation of Incident Commander evolves, moving upwards upon the arrival of personnel of the next higher rank on-scene. At all times, the Incident Commander will remain in constant communication with superiors through the chain of command to allow for fully-informed decision-making, including directing on-scene activities, managing requests for assistance and assets, dispatch of Troopers, immediate access to related resources (including an expanded 'to-go' kit that includes a megaphone, video camera, etc.).
5. The K-9 Unit will provide in-service training to all patrol handlers re-emphasizing the importance of their K-9s workspace during civil disorders to minimize inadvertent bites. In addition, CSP will include in its in-service training information to heighten awareness of responding patrol Troopers to the working area of a K-9 team at such events to minimize the likelihood of accidental canine incidents. POST will provide comparable instructional opportunity at the CT Police Academy as well.
6. Strengthen Public Information Office and Legal Affairs responses to critical incidents: The PIO and Legal Affairs are both responsible for conveying timely and accurate information to requestors as well as timely and accurate updates to management. Both PIO and Legal Affairs shall confer with management after preparing but before responding to requestors. Both will ensure flow of information consistent with the law. A streamlined, unified department response is essential to effective communication and positive community relations.

Appendix A – Google Earth Map of the area where protesters blocked Rte. 34.





Appendix B – Red sedan with a passenger in active labor ushered by Troopers and NHPD officers through the blockage created by the protesters. (YouTube Video 1:17:44)



Appendix C – Ambulance with emergency lights activated enroute to the hospital approximately 2 minutes and 6 seconds after Rte. 34 was re-opened. (YouTube video 1:22:58)



Appendix D – Another ambulance moving slowly through traffic approximately 5 minutes and 32 seconds after Rte. 34 re-opened. (YouTube video at approximately 1:26:24)

